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The International Scene

By SARAH DALTON

On Wednesday the government forces conducted a surprise attack 75 miles southwest of Madrid in a region where they had up to now shown no signs of activity. The town is a supply, base for the rebel forces and was undoubtedly attacked both because of this fact and in order to draw some of the rebel troops away from Madrid. The attack was apparently unsuccessful, however, and proved costly to the loyalists.

Emboldened by the recognition of Germany and Italy, General Franco last week announced his intention to destroy Barcelona, chief port of entry still in the lovalists' hands. Franco also threatened a blockade of loyalist ports. Britain demanded that a safe zone be established in all the harbors involved and, although one was granted in all but Barcelona, none have yet been established.

On November 22 the Madrid air ministry announced that on that morning the loyalist naval vessels lying off the port of Cartagena were attacked by submarines. Since the rebels were not known to have any submarines it was supposed that the attack came from vessels belonging to Germany or Italy.

Rumors of a definite accord between Germany and Japan were crystallized into knowledge by a definite announcement on November 25 that such an agreement had been signed in Berlin. The purpose was towards a common front in opposing the activities of the Communist International. The significant fact about the agreement was that all other countries "except Russia." are invited to join in.



Correspondence

Letters Over 250 Words Subject to Cutting by Editor

★ ZOOLOGY "HONORS" To the Editor. The DAILY TAR HEEL:

I note your recent editorial comment that only one division in the College has provided "honors" courses and your expression of regret that other divisions have not made provision for the exceptional student. It occurs to me that there may be a confusion of thought in the assumption that the exceptional student can be provided for only in a particular way-as through reading courses. In scientific departments, although the importance of wide reading is emphasized, there is little, if any, possibility for the development of useful reading courses except for students of very advanced grade who have, for example, virtually completed the work leading to the Master's degree. On the other hand, there are many opportunities for exceptional students in courses conducted on the seminar plan and open either regularly, or by special action, to undergraduate ance. Occasional undergraduates avail themselves of this opportunity. A few years ago, an undergraduate student who registered for a seminar course in zoology, actually completed a piece of research work which was published in one of the leading zoological journals.

I believe that most of the scientific faculty would agree with you as to the desirability of giving proper opportunities for the exceptional student, but there might be differences of opinion as to the form that these opportunities should take. Helpful suggestions will always be welcomed, but it is not out of place to direct attention to the fact that the existing opportunities for the man of exceptional capacity, independence, and energy are now but slightly availed of.



Jack Frink, senior geology major and A.S.U. chairman, is afraid that the authorities might learn that Johnny Van Gausbeck Elmendorf comes into his room in Steele dormitory every morning at chapel period in order to wake Jack for his 11 o'clock class.

Jack Peterson of New Bern. the song writing gentleman we have mentioned before, is coming right along in his melodic endeavors. His latest tune, "I've Got Some Lovin' to Do," written recently and arranged for Jack by Ray White of Raleigh, was played at the Everett social the other night by Bob McManeus and his Swing-swang orchestra. much to the delight of the dancers.

A petition was being sent around in Dr. Zimmermann's Ec. 11 class Monday before Thanksgiving. The well-liked professor, thinking the petition was a suggestion to postpone the pre-Thanksgiving quiz, asked to have the petition stopped and given to him. Much to his surprise the paper read-"The following students love you very much. Signed -----

For This Issue News: Lytt I. Gardner. Sports: E. T. Elliot

If, As And When MacMurray

THERE IS a definite possibility that John Mac-Murray may come to the University this spring, not only as a lecturer on the Institute of Human Relations program, but also as an instructor available to students during that quarter.

If the University does succeed in bringing Mr. MacMurray here, it will be a definite step forward for the University and for the philosophy department with which he will be connected. The bringing to the campus of scholars who are not directly connected with the University give the students a chance to have contacts with new, fresh minds, to receive intellectual stimulation that they might not otherwise obtain.

. This step on the part of the philosophy department is one that might well be followed by other divisions of the school. One remembers the success that the English department had when it brought here for one quarter Hardin Craig as an instructor on Shakespeare. One must thank the men behind this movement not only for their efforts to bring MacMurray here but also for the precedent they are setting to the other departments of the University .- E. L. K.

Class Fees They Are

NDIGNANT at the council ruling on class budgets, laymen on the campus point out that two or three failures of each class to produce its necessary quorum isn't building class "spirit"-just destroying it.

They say, in fact, that the few interested ones are becoming disgusted and indifferent when they try so hard . . . to no avail. The sophomores, even when they did finally produce enough men to vote on the budget, didn't show any class "spirit," the dissenters cry: the second year men just voted and ran, scared only of having no dance!

And the idea of the junior class bringing out a jazz band to play for the reading of the budget! Fine for passing the budget, maybe; but not for accomplishing what the council intended . . .

The senior class: it isn't yet, either.

Such campus indignancy holds that meetings, publicly announced far in advance and absolutely open to all, should be every bit authoritative. Flagrant indifference on the part of some class members ought not to affect, in either negative or positive manner, the work of the enthusiastic.

Are We Becoming Educated?

(G. A. Graham in "Students Speak Out!")

The classroom . . . is too often not the birth place or nursery of curiosity but it's tomb. The Sampson who could really be relied upon to plunder the fields of ignorance is there lulled to sleep, shorn of his locks, blinded, and put to the drudgery of grinding out assignments in the mill of scholarship.



For the past two weeks a constant stream of "childish prattle" has flowed from the lips of four-year-old Emmie Wilson. The front pages of every newspaper in the country have carried Emmie's picture over paragraphs of marvelling.

It seems that little Emmie just can't stop talking. They've given him toys and candy to try to divert his mind but to no avail. What stumps us is how anybody can find anything unusual in little Emmie's filibustering. For the last six months we have heard any number of politicians whose tongue-wagging would put little Emmie to shame.

students. On this point, I can speak with full information only for the department of zoology, but I believe that the condition prevailing there is repeated to a great extent in other departments. In zoology, the student with a genuine interest in the subject and an unusual capacity for working independently may register for such a course as our Invertebrate Morphology, which has a class meeting only once a week. In this he would have the same liberty as regards hours of work as a graduate student and would be equally on his mettle to show his capacity for accomplishment without nursing or daily guid-



8:00-Around the Town. 8:30-Jungle Jim. 9:00-Chesterfield Program (CBS). 10:30-News. 10:45-SAE Dance at Duke (Joe Burke's Orch.). 11:15-Benny Goodman's Orch.

(CBS). 11:30-Roger Pryor's Orch. (CBS). 12:00-Ozzie Nelson's Orch. (CBS).

WBT-1080 KC. 8:00-Cavalcade of America. R. E. COKER.

★ DON'T SIT BACK To All Members, The Freshman Class:

At the last meeting of the Freshman Executive Committee we were told that our plea for representation on the Student (Continued on last page)

Charles Edward "Hoss" Moore, Jr., former editor of the Riverside paper, who lives in Lewis dormitory, gave an informal concert to a group of eager listeners on Cameron avenue recently. He was helping his brother Kappa Alphas return a piano which they had borrowed, and kept the pledge class' morale up by playing his piece.

We are wondering if Stanley Berney (Lewis) and Carl Solomon (Manly) got up to New York in time for Thanksgiving. The last time we saw them, they were trying to get their car to run without gas; at least they were pushing their Airflow in front of Swain hall a few hours before the vacation started.

Student Urges That Carolina Adopt More Flexible Educational Set-Up

To the Editor, The DAILY TAR HEEL:

Regulations have their distinct place in human life, and each reasonable regulation has its purpose. That is exactly what too many of those placed in charge of enforcing regulations allow themselves to forget. Restrictions placed upon students, for example, are set up as the normal rules by which a student can obtain an education with the greatest possible efficiency, in the light of what educators have so far found to be true. Not all students, however, fall within the limits of normality. To force those who do not to conform to the laws which are set up to regulate normality is to violate the purpose of such laws, in that such action prevents these students from obtaining an education with the greatest possible efficiency.

Certain commentators have remarked that those who protest not by that token insensitive supermen. We are always prone to measure ourselves by our own standards, rather than by the orthodox; and therefore although the superior student might, even under adverse conditions, achieve note in general esteem, he will nevertheless fall short of personal ambitions. No amount of fatherly dogmatism on the part of those who administer the system can make this prospect anything but unpleasant.

The argument is continually advanced that an educational institution must be planned to accommodate the average student. This follows from the thesis of a democratic society. But we do not progress by the efforts of the common man, it is the above average man who carries the race onward toward greater accomplishments. We should therefore accommodate the superior as well as the average, although not at the expense of the average. Nor should the inferior student be harrassed by the brutality of an unyielding system, which in forcing him onward really retards his progress. It is therefore to be hoped that the campaign now waging in the columns of the DAILY TAR HEEL will result in the adoption of a more flexible educational system at Carolina.

But a deeper view of the matter ought not to be neglected by the objectors: back of the council's program is' recognition of the fact that class fees are paid by all class members on levy set by departed generations of students. In the new budget meetings classes will definitely express an immediate class will in the collection as well as the accompanying disposal of immediate funds .-- J. M.

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And when Congress convenes in January the doctors will have a chance to witness some really phenomenal talking.

8:30-Burns and Allen. 9:00-Chesterfield Program. 9:30-Come On, Let's Sing. 10:00-Gang Busters. 10:45-Vocals by Verrill. 11:15-12:30-Same as WDNC. WPTF-680 KC. 8:30-Jean Ellington and Carl Dandt (NBC). 9:00-Fred Allen's Town Hall (NBC). 10:00-Your Hit Parade (NBC). 10:30-NBC Program.

the inadequacies of the present system must themselves be inadequate, because the really superior student should be able to succeed even under adverse circumstances. That he should be able to succeed I cannot contradict, but that he will always find the inclination I shall refute. Students who have the good fortune to be endowed with minds that are above the average are

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